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1. AS WASHINGTON IS AWARE, MISSION ON JAN 16 (REF A) INTRODUCED INTO SPC THE U.S. VIEWS IN SUPPORT OF NON-EXPLICIT SERVICE

SUBCEILINGS WITH LIMITED FREEDOM TO MIX (LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF SUB-SECTION II B 2 OF REF B). THE NETHERLANDS, WHICH SUPPORTS THE PRESENT US PROPOSAL ON AIR MANPOWER, HAS STATED IT CAN SUPPORT ANY APPROACH TO SUBCEILINGS WHICH PROVIDES FOR A SUBCEILING ON GROUND FORCES. THE FRG, WHICH SUPPORTS THE EARLIER US PROPOSAL OF INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING WITHOUT REDUCTIONS, WANTS A SUBCEILING ON GROUND FORCES ALONE. BOTH COUNTRIES STATE
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AS A REASON FOR WANTING A SUBCEILING ON GROUND FORCES THE NEED TO MAINTAIN A CLEAR FOCUS ON GROUND FORCE REDUCTIONS.

2. THE US PROPOSAL FOR NON-EXPLICIT SERVICE SUBCEILINGS WITH LIMITED FREEDOM TO MIX DOES OF COURSE PROVIDE A SUBCEILING ON

GROUND FORCES, BUT A NON-EXPLICIT ONE. MISSION NOTES FROM REF B THAT IN US CONCEPT OF LIMITED FREEDOM TO MIX, THERE ARE LIMITS ON THE SIZE OF GROUND AND AIR FORCES, WHICH ARE STATED IN TERMS OF A RANGE, NOT A FIXED SUM. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON VIEWS REGARDING THE APPROXIMATE EXTENT OF THAT RANGE. THIS WOULD ENABLE THE ALLIES TO JUDGE BETTER THE ADVANTAGES OF NON-EXPLICIT SUBCEILINGS, INCLUDING MAINTENANCE OF THE FOCUS ON GROUND FORCES. MISSION BELIEVES THAT BETTER ALLIED UNDERSTANDING OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH NON-EXPLICIT SUBCEILINGS WOULD MAINTAIN THE FOCUS ON GROUND FORCES WOULD FACILITATE, NOT ONLY ALLIED ACCEPTANCE OF THE US POSITION ON SUBCEILINGS, BUT ALSO ALLIED ACCEPTANCE OF THE US PROPOSAL ON AIR MANPOWER AS A WHOLE.BRUCE

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